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1. CONCUR TOTAL THREE PERFORMANCES SEPT 6, 7, 8. WHILE HANKINS WILLING IN PRINCIPLE SWITCH PERFORMANCES TO DELFINARION, DECISION DEPENDS ON REVIEW THEATER'S TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES. FORWARD ASAP DATA NOTED ON TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS SHEET (PER STATE A-1329), STAGE PLANS AND PHOTO OF STAGE. NO PRESENT PLANS HAVE HANKINS RETURN ATHENS.

2. URGE EMB ATTEMPT OBTAIN CONCRETE PROPOSAL PRIOR JULY 10 IF POSSIBLE. COMPANY IS PRESSING US FOR DECISION ON EXTENDING TOUR PAST SEPT 9 SINCE DANCERS MUST SEEK OTHER WORK IF DEPT DOES NOT USE GROUP. ALSO WISH ALERT POST THAT EMB BELGRADE ADVISES PERFORMANCES MAY BE POSSIBLE THERE FOR SAME TIME PERIOD AND IS EXPLORING FURTHER.

3. HANKINS DOES NOT CONSIDER DOLS FIVE ADEQUATE FOR TWO MEALS. WOULD APPRECIATE ACAO'S EVALUATION OF HOTEL
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OLYMPIC. ASSUME KRITAS WILL PAY FOR ONE MEAL THERE ABOVE

THE DOLS TEN HE OFFERING.

4. COMPANY CARRYING NECESSARY CABLES AND STANDS. HOWEVER, BASED ON HER DISCUSSIONS WITH HER TECHNICIANS, HANKINS VERY DOUBTFUL ABLE COMBINE LIMON LIGHTING EQUIPMENT WITH EXISTING MENANDRION EQUIPMENT WHICH DIFFERENT TYPE THAN COMPANY'S.

5. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSESSMENT RELATIVE MERITS BOTH THEATERS. ON THE SURFACE, CHANGING PERFORMANCES TO DELFINARION APPEARS REDUCE LIGHTING PROBLEMS. IS DELFINARION OUTDOOR THEATER? INGERSOLL

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